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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| in re Application of: |) |
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| Sigeyuki YOKOYAMA <i>et al</i> . | |
| Application No. 10/718,628 |) Group Art Unit: 1652 |
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| For: A MUTANT KANAMYCIN NUCLEO- TIDYLTRANSFERASE AND A METHOD OF SCREENING THERMOPHILIC BACTERIA USING THE SAME |) Confirmation No.: 3641)) |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on November 24, 2003, and an Information Disclosure Statement on January 29, 2004. The only communication that we have received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is a Filing Receipt mailed on January 9, 2004 and a Notice of Publication received April 30, 2004. In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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